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Kiss……
Sunset
rooftop

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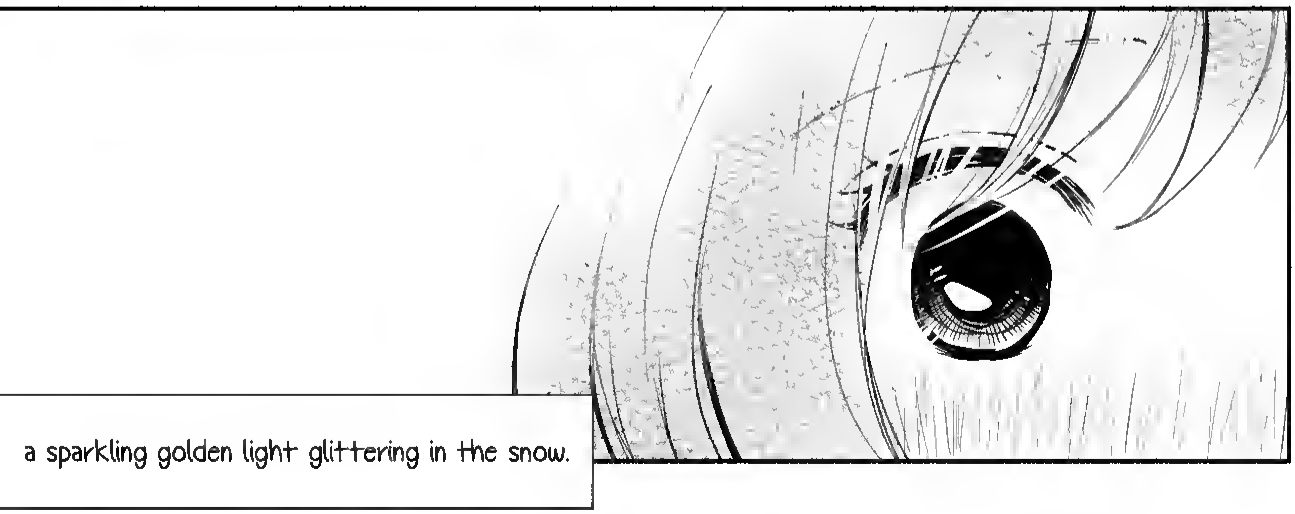
［ 寒空に熱視線 ］
Hot Gaze in the Cold Weather

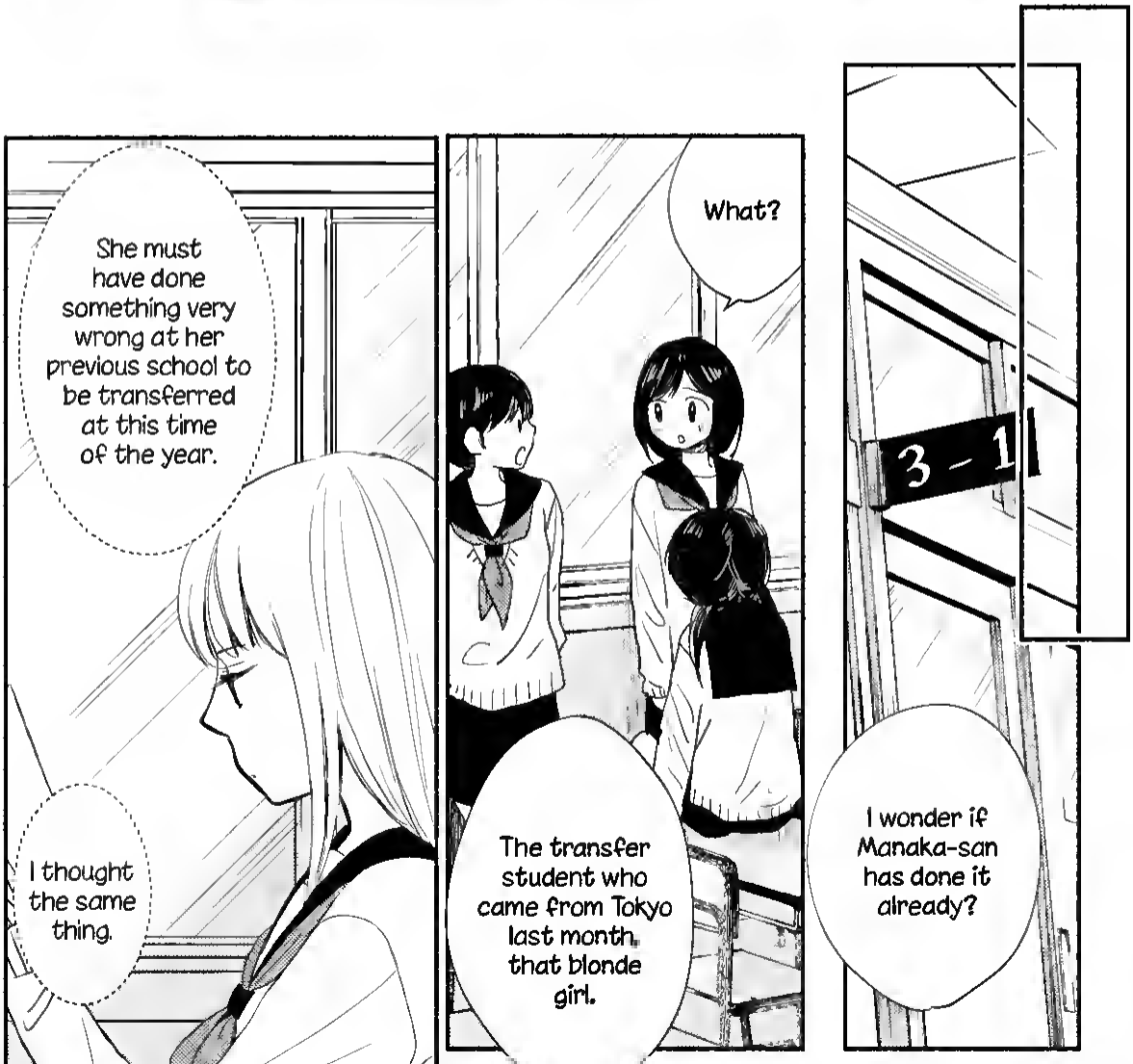
In a provincial city covered by pure white snow,
in a daily routine that doesn't show a single glimpse of change day after day,



You.
北東行
高原牛乳

Morning...
G-good morning.
It takes one hour by bus to get to each school.
and for a moment two people are swaying.
*Pshhh
just she and I.

I really liked those times.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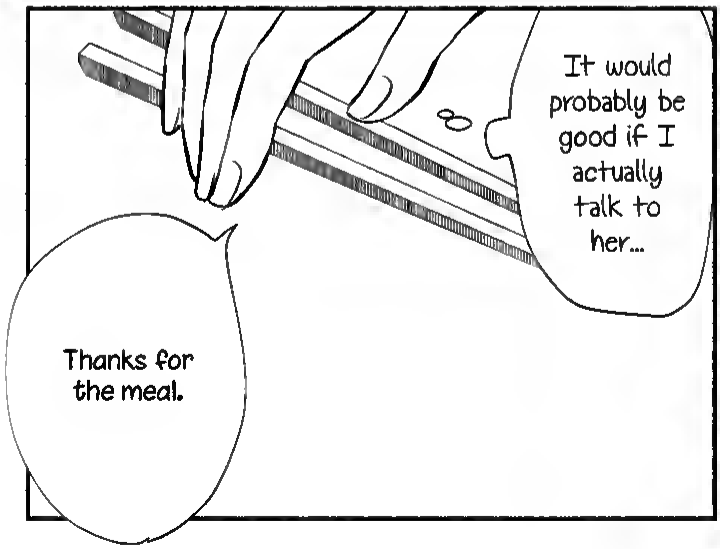
I wonder if Manaka-san has done it already?
What?
The transfer student who came from Tokyo last month, that blonde girl.
She must have done something very wrong at her previous school to be transferred at this time of the year.
I thought the same thing.

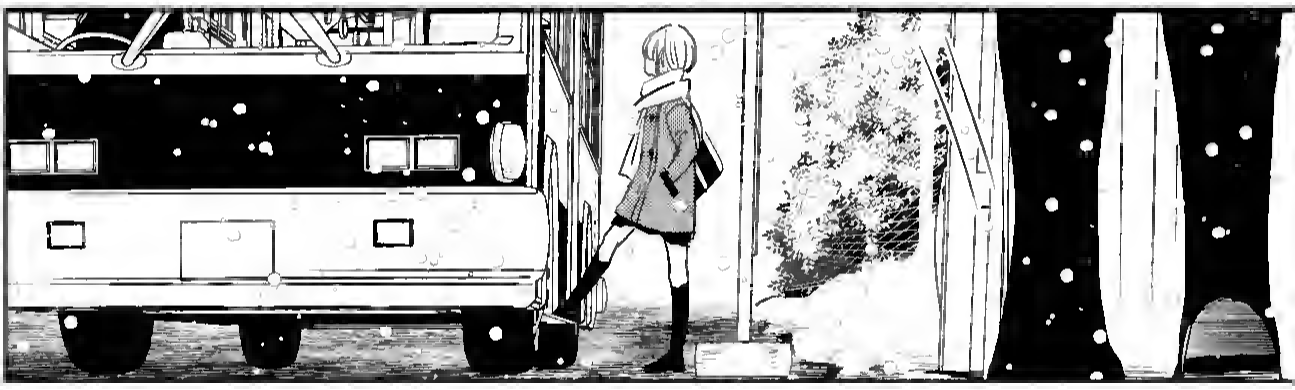
She's always alone and doesn't try to talk with anyone,
and she gives out a "don't get close to me" aura, so she's scary, you know!
You-... you can't know that
if you don't try to speak with her!
...

"You can't know that if you don't try to speak with her..."



While I felt
the guilt of my words,
You're done already Nao? You're not hungry?
Nah...
the same daily routine
was passing by as if it was just an instant.
Today I will
do something... must do something...
Isn't the bus already coming? Will you make it?
click
Uwaaa, Im going!

!
Oh no! The bus is already coming!
If I miss that one the next bus is in one hour, I would be super late!
Waaaait! I'm coming!!

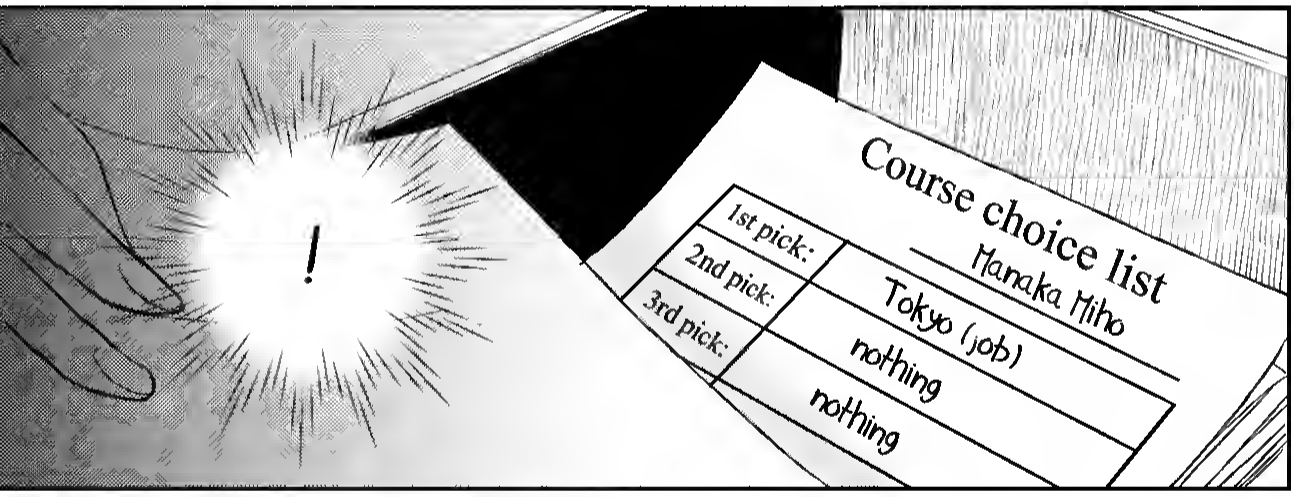


Hey student, that's interfering!
If you're going to take this bus, come in now or I'll just depart!

...!
Take your seats quickly, we're late...
Ah, Im sorry...
*buzzzzz
I won't wait next time... I can't be stopped for five minutes...
Like I said to your friend, this is disrupting the service.
Eh?

I felt like something huge burst open inside me.

Everyone, take out your course choice list.
Yeees.
Nao, what did you choose for your first pick?
I picked North High because it's close.
Me too, we'll be together then, let's give our best at the test.
Yes, let's give our...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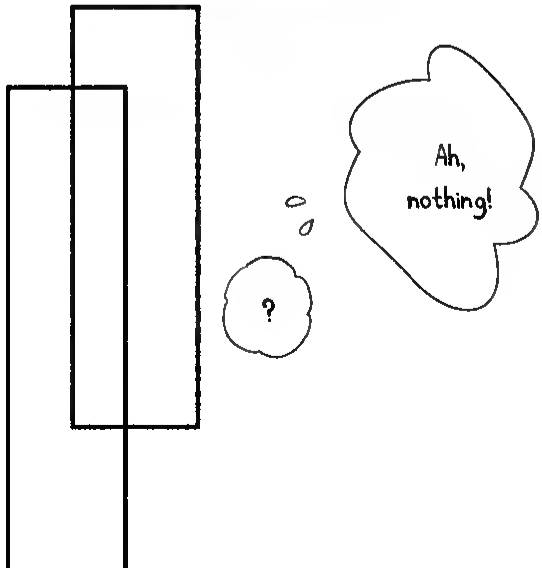
Course choice list
Manaka Miho
1st pick: Tokyo (job)
2nd pick: nothing
3rd pick: nothing


What's wrong?
Ah, nothing!
?

She won't go to high school...?
She's going to end up in Tokyo...?
getting a job..
Tokyo...
Did you make too many side dishes today again!?
It's a stew and I had a lot of daikons.
Mom!
*Open
What's up all of a sudden...?
?
Im going to offer some to our neighbors!
Hey what are you doing?
click

ED/N white radish

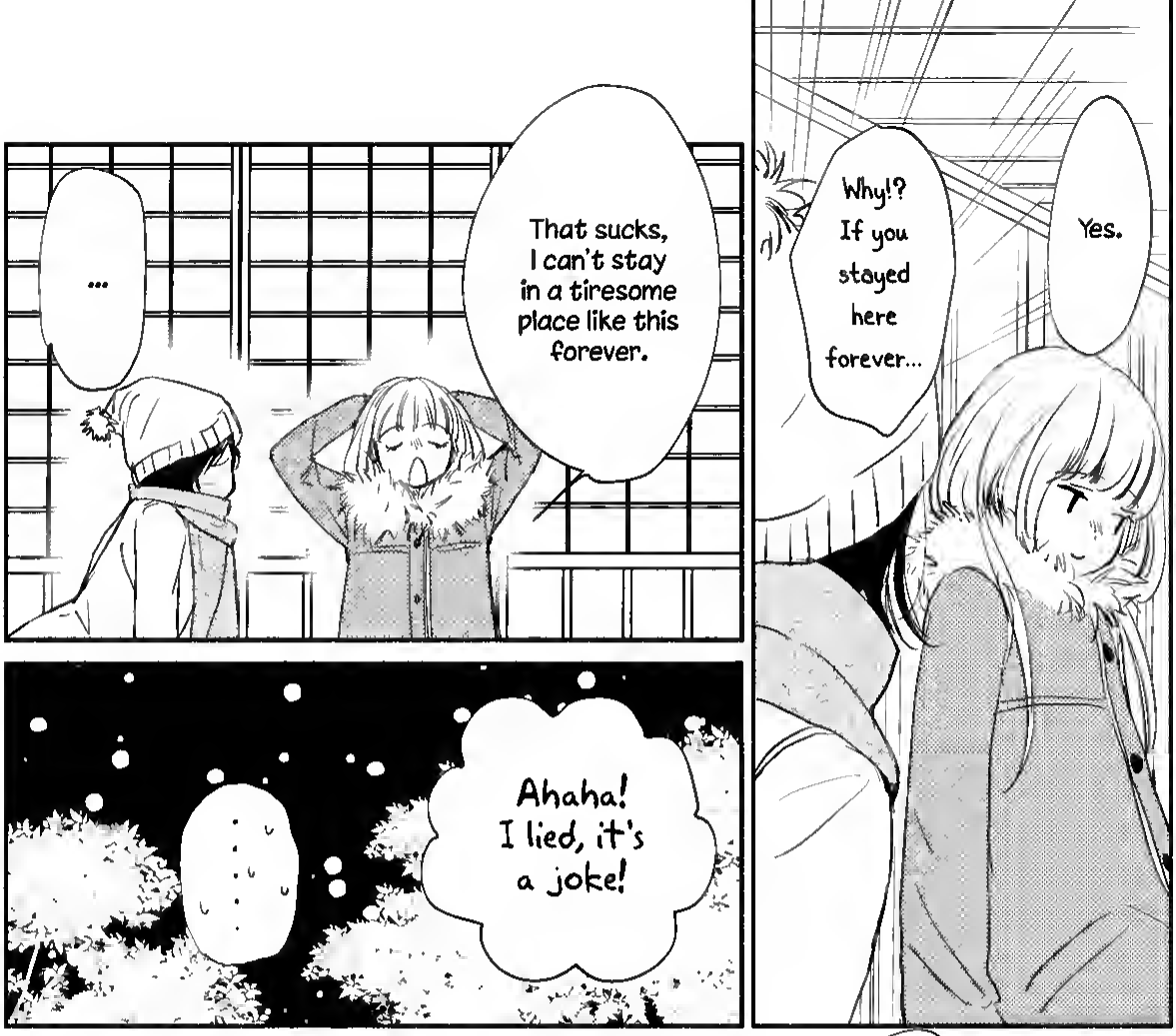
Even though I left my house... What should I do...
Grandma!
I'll put the onions here.
Ya, ya, sorry for this,
thank you Miho-chan.

Ah...

That was the first time her voice resounded clearly in my ears.

I was happy.
my tears were dripping
and over-flowing out of me.
Maybe because of harassment
or maybe because I wanted to take refuge in the country-side.

She is so sublime in that way.
*Swish
ぶんぶん
No, not at all!
What!?
...Wait! You think I'm the one who decided this, right?
Well anyway.
That was an absolutely unthinkable act in this countryside town.
My hair too...
Since I came here, I dyed it because I didn't want to be recognized anymore.
Are you going back...
to Tokyo?



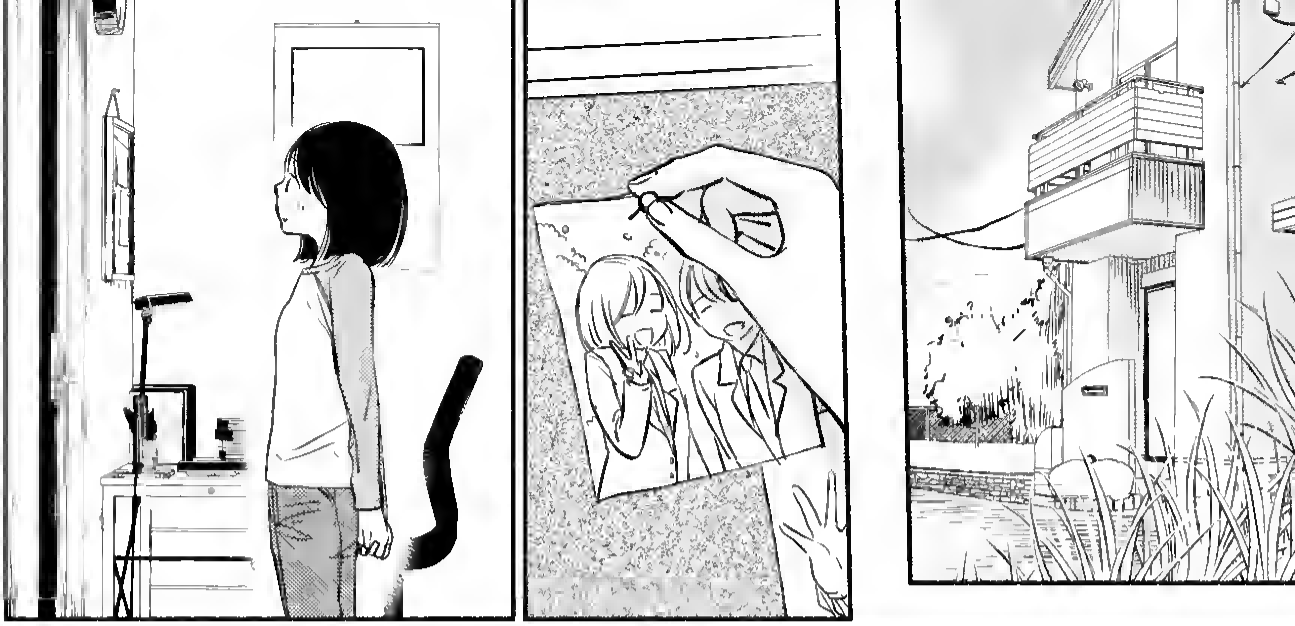
She said it in a powerful looking manner.

She smiled completely innocently.

Ah, I'm sorry, I talked so casually because my grandmother called you Nao-chan...
No...
...
Tell me,
why have you been crying like that for some time?
Me too...

I want to call you Miho-chan too.

In a daily routine not showing a single glimpse of change day after day,
Hurray!
We've made it to North High, great!
*School entrance ceremony
It won't change much from Mentsu Middle School though.
ahaha
That's right,
we didn't have a choice, it's the closest high school.
snow is melting,
the season of budding flowers has come.



Even though she's not here.

her blinding light is shining even here.

I'm coming back for golden week*, let's meet! ★

From Miho.

fin.

TL/N *Golden week is a series of public holidays in Japan (May 3-5), many people go on vacation during this period.

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